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### **Field Crops Report**

As of March 16, **alfalfa** harvest progress was reported as 53 percent not being harvested, 18 percent light, 10 percent moderate, and 19 percent active. **Alfalfa** condition was reported as 17 percent fair, 59 percent good, and 24 percent excellent. Sheep continue to graze on alfalfa fields for winter pasture.

**Small Grains** emergence is near completion, while heading is just getting underway. There was 94 percent of **Durum Wheat**, 94 percent of **Barley**, 92 percent of **Winter Wheat**, and 93 percent of **Other Small Grains** reported as emerged.

### **Livestock, Range and Pasture Report**

**Range and Pasture** conditions were reported as 27 percent very poor, 29 percent poor, 22 percent fair and 22 percent good. **Livestock** were reported to be in fair condition. **Stock Water** was reported as short. **Soil Moisture** was reported as short. **Insect Damage** was reported as none to light.

### **Fruit, Vegetable and Specialty Crops Report**

Last week producers in central Arizona shipped broccoli, cabbage, cauliflower, head lettuce, mixed greens, leaf lettuce, napa, parsley, romaine and spinach. Producers in western Arizona shipped anise, bok choy, broccoflower, broccoli, cabbage, cauliflower, celery, cilantro, endive, escarole, kale, mixed greens, napa, parsley, rapini and spinach. Western lettuce shipments included boston, iceberg, leaf and romaine.

Citrus producers in central and western Arizona shipped grapefruit, lemons, navels and tangerines last week.

### **Weather Summary**

Temperatures for the entire State were above average for the week ending March 15. Temperatures ranged from 3 degrees above normal at Casa Grande and Gila Bend, to 9 degrees above normal at Phoenix. The highest temperature of the week was 89 degrees at Parker, while the lowest reading was 20 degrees at Flagstaff. Much needed precipitation was reported at 5 of the 17 reporting stations, ranging from a low of 0.10 to a high of 0.53 inches.

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**Weather Information Table (temperatures, precipitation, and/or growing degree days)**

**TEMPERATURES AND PRECIPITATION DATA  
 FOR THE WEEK MARCH 9 TO MARCH 15, 2003**

Station	Temperatures				Precipitation 2/		
	Avg.	Dep. 1/	High	Low	Past Week	Jan. 1 to Date	Normal to Date
Canyon De Chelly	44	7	76	27	0.00	1.59	1.75
Casa Grande	61	3	87	41	0.00	2.02	2.08
Coolidge	60	5	87	43	0.00	1.99	2.46
Douglas	54	5	81	34	0.00	1.04	1.69
Flagstaff	36	6	61	20	0.28	3.40	5.99
Gila Bend	64	3	88	46	0.00	3.73	1.89
Grand Canyon	37	7	66	21	0.53	4.27	4.28
Kingman	51	8	77	35	0.41	2.19	3.08
Parker	64	5	89	46	0.00	1.83	1.90
Payson	46	6	72	28	0.10	8.19	6.02
Phoenix	61	9	87	52	0.00	3.72	2.18
Prescott Airport	44	8	71	32	0.39	4.28	3.10
Safford Ag Center	54	4	85	35	0.00	1.17	1.87
Tucson	60	6	86	44	0.00	1.32	2.32
Willcox	52	5	80	31	0.00	1.49	2.42
Winslow	46	5	77	24	0.00	0.82	1.29
Yuma	65	6	87	52	0.00	0.95	0.81

1/ Departure of temperature for reporting period from average temperature for that week.

2/ Daily precipitation totals 5 a.m. to 5 a.m. instead of midnight to midnight. Periods of record used in computing "average to date" for precipitation and "departure" for average temperatures may be obtained from National Weather Service, Phoenix.

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